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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

At the 19 June 1978 briefing of your Committee regarding the 7 June 1978 Presidential Finding, the Deputy Director for Operations offered to provide you with a letter from me on precisely how the Department of State and CIA would work out guidelines in support of the world-wide finding on terrorism.

We should like to delay one - two months in fulfilling this commitment. The Department of State's new Director of the Office of Combating Terrorism, Ambassador Quainton, assumed his position on 7 July 1978 and is still in the process of orientation. We will make this an early item to take up with Ambassador Quainton, and will report the results to you promptly.

The 7 June 1978 finding makes two distinct references to State "guidelines" in the section dealing with counterterrorism. First, it requires that all CIA assistance to foreign governments coping with terrorism, whether international or foreign domestic, be "under guidelines cleared with the Department of State."

Second, the new finding requires that assistance with regard to foreign domestic terrorism be provided only to governments "designated by the

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Department of State in cleared guidelines." In this regard, we doubt that State will want to go much further, in providing "guidelines," than making determinations, on a case-by-case basis, that a particular country merits CIA assistance, and that we should furnish that assistance in close coordination with the Ambassador. (In providing defensive assistance to foreign security services coping with international terrorism, we have always coordinated closely with the Ambassador.)

[REDACTED] The very brief "guidelines" they provided us in this instance are attached for your information.

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/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Attachment, a/s